

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§112 and 102.

Claims 1-8, 11-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Applicants have amended Claim 1 to remove the previously inserted proviso. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot with respect to Claims 1, 2-8 and 16-18.

The Applicants have also amended Claim 11 to recite the proviso that Y' and Z' are not simultaneously valence bonds. This removes the previous proviso. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 11-15 are also in compliance with §112, first paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection of all of Claims 1-8, 11-15 and 20 is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Iwai (JP '824 and JP '826). Claims 16-18 have been deleted, thereby rendering that portion of the rejection moot.

The Applicants have amended Claim 11 such that the instances when both Y' and Z' are valence bonds have been excluded from that claim. Thus, Iwai fails to disclose the subject matter recited in Claim 11, as well as dependent Claim 20. Thus, Iwai fails to disclose the compounds represented by Formula (II) wherein at least one of Y' and Z' is $-C(=O)-$. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 11, 16-18 and 20 is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Brown. The Applicants again note that Claims 16-18 have been cancelled, thereby rendering that portion of the rejection moot.

As noted above with respect to Iwai, the Applicants have amended Claim 11 such that instances when both Y' and Z' are valence bonds have been excluded. Therefore, Brown fails to

disclose compounds represented by Formula (II) wherein at least one of Y' and Z' is $-C(=O)-$. Brown is also inapplicable to dependent Claim 20. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments are made in direct response to the new rejections, reduce the number of claims, raise no new issues for consideration and do not raise new issues requiring further search. In particular, the amendments to Claims 1 and 11 remove previously inserted language, the amendment to Claims 5, 8 and 15 removes reference to "benzyl" and Claims 16-18 have been cancelled. The Applicants respectfully submit that those amendments now place the application into condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the rejections have been fully addressed and overcome. Allowance of the entire application is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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